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SUBJECT: Operational Report - Lessons Learned, Headquarters, Military
Police Group (Criminal Investigation)(Provisional) 18th Military
Police Brigade, Period Ending 31 October 1967

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MILITARY POLICE GROUP (CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION) (PROVISIONAL)
18th Military Police Brigade
APG 96191

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14 November 1967

SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 October 1967
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THRU: Commanding General
18th Military Police Brigade
APG 96191

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development
Department of the Army (ARMPG, DA)
Washington, D.C. 20310

1. Section 1. Significant organizational or unit activities.

a. Since 1 August 1967 elements of the Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation) (Provisional) have engaged in operational activities in direct support of area provost marshals in the II, III, and IV Corps Tactical Zones, exclusive of the area under the jurisdiction of Headquarters Area Command. On 25 September 1967, however, Criminal Investigative elements of Headquarters Area Command were placed under the operational control of the Group.

b. During the 92 days covered by this reporting period, each detachment participated in on-the-job training and operational activities on a daily basis.

c. During the month of September 1967, one administrative move of a detachment was planned and executed. This move involved relocating the headquarters and investigative elements of the 252d Military Police Detachment (Criminal Investigation) from Vung Tau to Qui Nhon to support the Provost Marshal, II Corps Tactical Zone, North. The move was completed 3 September 1967. With headquarters at Qui Nhon, the 252d operates field offices at An Khe, Da Nang, Pleiku, and Qui Nhon. The 40th Military Police Detachment (Criminal Investigation) was simultaneously relieved of the mission of operating field offices at these locations. The 147th Military Police Detachment (Criminal Investigation), with headquarters at Long Binh

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was assigned the mission of operating field offices at Vung Tau and Can Tho, formerly the responsibility of the 252d. Included in the plan was the movement of Headquarters element, 40th Military Police Detachment (Criminal Investigation) from Nha Trang to Cam Ranh Bay during the month of October 1967. Prior to this change of missions the 40th Military Police Detachment (Criminal Investigation) was responsible for supporting the entire II Corps Tactical Zone which required that it operate eight field offices while the 252d Military Police Detachment (Criminal Investigation) was responsible for support of the IV Corps Tactical Zone which required only two field offices. This relocation of units and readjustment of assigned missions provides a more equitable distribution of criminal investigative resources and a more evenly balanced division of responsibilities among the criminal investigation detachments. No significant difficulties were encountered during these moves.

d. On 20 October 1967 the planned move of the 40th Military Police Detachment (Criminal Investigation) Headquarters from Nha Trang to Cam Ranh Bay was executed. This detachment continues to operate field offices at Tuy Hoa, Nha Trang, Phan Rang, and Cam Ranh Bay. No significant difficulties were encountered during this move.

e. Adequate clerical personnel resources have continued to be available to the group during this reporting period. As operational requirements dictate, administrative personnel are provided the group from resources available to the 18th Military Police Brigade. At the present time the group continues to be faced with a significant shortage of warrant officer criminal investigators. As of 31 October group elements were nine warrant officer criminal investigators below authorized strength, however, in February 1968, the group will reach its presently authorized strength provided the projected input for the next 120 day period remains firm. On 30 October 1967 a proposed Modified Table of Organization and Equipment was submitted by Commanding General, 18th Military Police Brigade to Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam. If approved, as submitted, the authorized strength of the group will be increased to eight officers, eighty warrant officers, and seventy-two enlisted men for an aggregate strength of 160 men. Of these, all warrant officers and 38 of the enlisted men are criminal investigators.

f. During this reporting period the logistical support received by the criminal investigation detachments was more than adequate. Particularly significant was the prompt support provided by logistical sources during the relocation and change in missions enumerated in paragraphs c and d above.

2. Section 2. Commanders observations and recommendations.

a. Section 2, Part I, Observations (lessons learned).

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Apprentice Criminal Investigators

(1) Item: Identification of Apprentice Criminal Investigators when not accompanied by an Accredited Criminal Investigator.

Discussion: In conducting an investigation there are many instances in which it is required or is appropriate that an investigator identify himself as such. Included among these are identifying himself to the commander concerned; to the subject and witnesses; during investigations conducted within a limited access area; during Crime Prevention Surveys conducted on or within limited access areas; and for liaison with civil police, governmental agencies and civilian business establishments. It is recognized that the apprentice criminal investigator should be teamed with an accredited investigator both for training and for observation of his capabilities and limitations. However, in the Republic of Vietnam the case workload as opposed to the number of accredited investigators available precludes strict adherence to the team concept. It frequently becomes necessary that an apprentice investigator work as an individual investigator as soon as he proves himself capable. Consequently, the problems encountered as a result of his not being able to identify himself as an authorized apprentice investigator become evident. Granting authority to the Provost Marshal, United States Army, Vietnam, to issue temporary credentials identifying the apprentice criminal investigator would alleviate these problems.

Observation: The Provost Marshal, United States Army, Vietnam, should be authorized to issue temporary credentials to apprentice criminal investigators upon recommendation of the individual's detachment commander.

Use of Helicopters

(2) Item: Use of helicopters for surveillance by criminal investigators.

Discussion: On 27 October 1967, a confidential informant reported to the Bien Hoa Field Office, 87th Military Police Detachment (Criminal Investigation) that on several occasions he had observed American and Philippine military personnel take US Government and PX property to a Vietnamese store in a small village near Bien Hoa. Subsequent reports by the informant indicated the goods were then transported by Vietnamese nationals to three buildings located off National Highway 1, Long Binh/Tam Hiep area. The location and terrain made ground surveillance of these buildings extremely difficult. With the cooperation of the 1st Aviation Battalion a helicopter was obtained and on 30 October 1967 aerial surveillance of the area was conducted. At 1600 hours, 30 October 1967, two teams comprised of CID personnel, US Army Military Police, and Vietnamese Police simultaneously raided the store and the three buildings. The team raiding the three buildings was transported to the scene via helicopter, thus lending elements of surprise and speed to the raid. These raids resulted in the recovery of

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sixty-four items of government/PX property including such items as tape recorders, radios, cameras, refrigerators, liquor, military uniforms, and US currency. In addition, four packages of marihuana cigarettes and ninety-nine hypodermic syringes were confiscated. The success of these raids was due in great part to the use of helicopter support.

Observation: The use of helicopters in support of Military Police Criminal Investigative activities should be considered in future doctrine pertaining to the use of helicopters.

b. Section 2. Part II, Recommendations: None

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1. Organization Chart

2. ~~Administrative Information~~

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HEADQUARTERS, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, APO 96491

TO: See Distribution

1. Reference item concerning Apprentice Criminal Investigators, Section II, Part I, Item 1, Page 3: Concur that the Provost Marshal, USARV should be authorized to issue temporary credentials to investigators who have proven themselves capable. This will yield maximum utilization of available manpower resources to meet the ever increasing workload demands and solve the difficult identification problem.

2. Reference item concerning Use of Helicopters, Section II, Part I, Item 2, Page 3: Concur in the request for doctrine to be developed in the use of helicopters for the conduct of raids by criminal investigators.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 18 JAN 1968

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 October 1967 from Headquarters, Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation) (Provisional), 18th Military Police Brigade (FPEA) as indorsed.

2. Pertinent comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning apprentice criminal investigators, page 3, paragraph 2a(1); and 1st Indorsement, paragraph 1: Concur. A letter is being dispatched to the office of the Provost Marshal General, DA, emphasizing the need for some means of identification credentials for apprentice investigators and recommending that the Provost Marshal, USARV, be authorized to issue temporary credentials.

b. Reference item concerning use of helicopters, page 3; and 1st Indorsement, paragraph 2: Concur. Consideration should be given to furnish lessons learned to the USA Military Police School, Fort Gordon, Georgia, for evaluation.

3. A copy of this indorsement will be furnished to the reporting unit through channels.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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HQ, US ARMY, PACIFIC, APO San Francisco 96558 13 FEB 1968

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

1. This headquarters has evaluated subject report and forwarding
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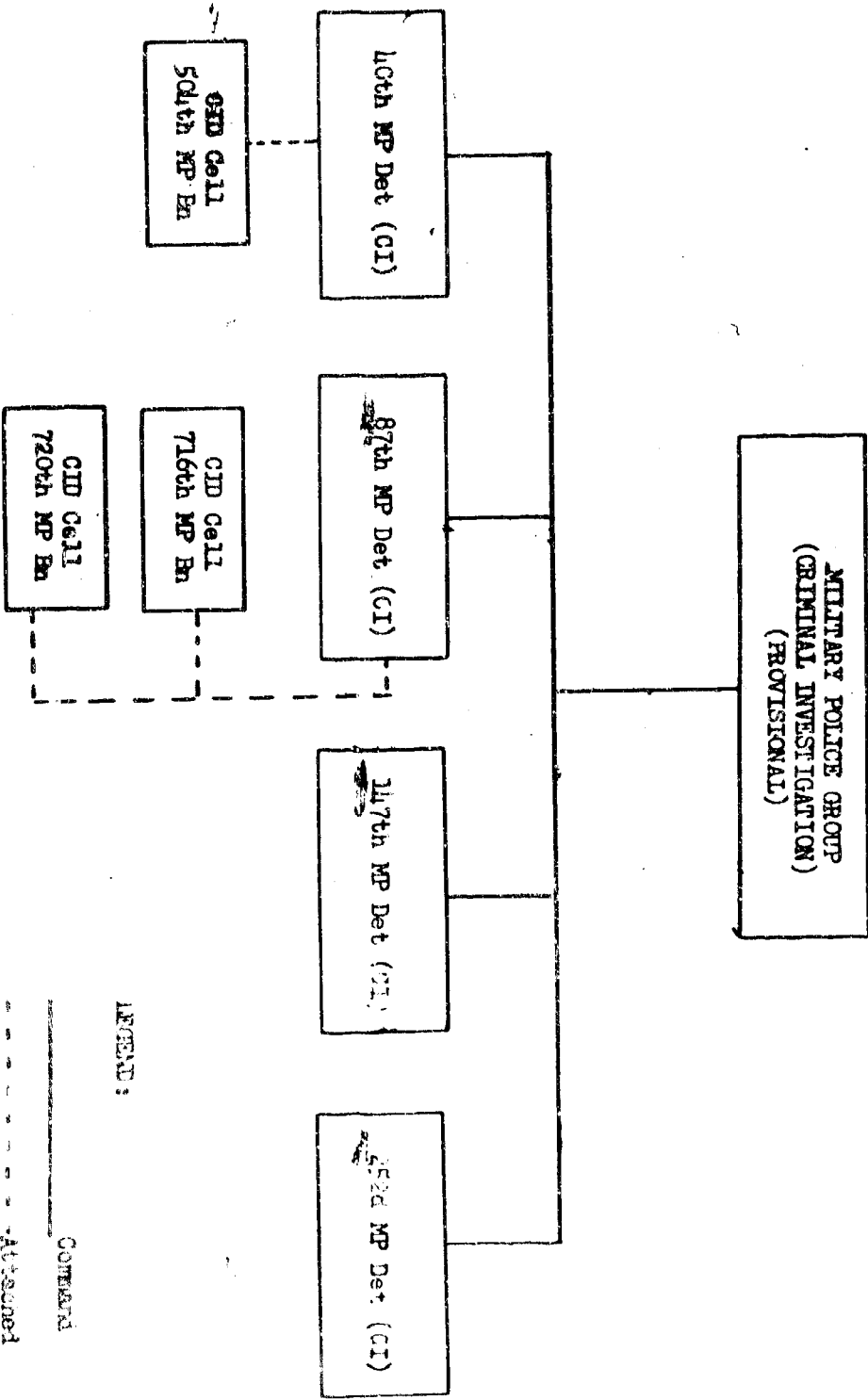
2. Reference paragraph 2a(1), page 3; paragraph 1, 1st Indorsement;
and paragraph 2a, 1st Indorsement regarding identification of Apprentice
Criminal Investigators: It would appear feasible for TPMG, DA, to
issue and control temporary credentials in a manner similar to current
procedures applicable to accredited Criminal Investigators. TPMG
approves applications for apprentice investigators. Temporary creden-
tials could be transmitted with the approved applications.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:



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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



REMARKS:

Command

Attended